

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/20/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23 and 29-39.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Nicole Dretar on 1/17/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 35, line 2, replace the phrase ",the method comprising:" with the phrase ",the system comprising:".

Claims 36-39, lines 1, replace the phrase, "The system of claim 30," with "The system of claim 35,".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-4, 16 and 18-19, cited prior art does not teach a system, method and computer readable recording medium for generating an input file using a meta language regarding graphics data compression comprising the step of making an extensible markup language (XML) schema which defines at least a compression node describing object data to be compressed and parameters used for data compression; making style sheets which supports conversion of an input XML file into a file, which is to be input to a data compression encoder, based on the XML schema; generating the file, which is to be input to the data compression encoder, by parsing the input XML file based on the XML schema and the style sheets; and inputting the generated file and to

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the data compression encoder to generate an encoded bitstream of compressed graphics data;

Regarding claims 5-15, 17, 20-23, cited prior art does not teach a system, method and computer readable recording medium for generating an input file using a meta language regarding graphics data compression comprising the step of making an XMT schema which defines a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; making an XMT2BIFS style sheet which supports conversion of an XMT input file into a scene file and an XMT2MUX style sheet which supports conversion of the XMT input file into a mux file, based on the XMT schema; generating the scene file and the mux file by parsing the input XMT file using the XMT schema and the XMT2BIFS and XMT2MUX style sheets; and inputting the generated scene file and mux file to a data compression encoder to generate an encoded bitstream of compressed graphics data;

Regarding claim 29, cited prior art does not teach making an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema which defines a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; receiving an XMT input file; generating a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing the input XMT file using information including the XMT schema; and inputting the generated file to the data compression encoder to generate an encoded bitstream of compressed graphics data;

Regarding claim 30, cited prior art does not teach making an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema which defines a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; receiving an XMT input file; generating a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing the input XMT file using information including the XMT schema; and if the compression node of the XMT input file contains information about already-compressed object data and a buffer temporarily storing the already-compressed object data, transmitting a bitstream of compressed graphics data that is a representation of the already-compressed object data by using the buffer;

Regarding claim 31, cited prior art does not teach making an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema which defines a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; receiving an XMT input file; generating a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing the input XMT file using information including the XMT schema; and if the compression node of the XMT input file contains information about already-compressed object data and a URL which links information regarding the already-compressed object data, transmitting a bitstream of compressed graphics data that is a representation of the already-compressed object data by using the URL;

Regarding claim 32, cited prior art does not teach making an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema which defines a compression node describing object data

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to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; receiving an XMT input file; generating a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing the input XMT file using information including the XMT schema; and if the compression node of the XMT input file contains information about original data, compression parameters and a buffer, transmitting a bitstream of compressed graphics data by using the buffer, wherein the bitstream is obtained by compressing the original data using the compression parameters;

Regarding claim 33, cited prior art does not teach making an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema which defines a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; receiving an XMT input file; generating a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing the input XMT file using information including the XMT schema; and if the compression node of the XMT input file contains information about original data, compression parameters, and a URL, transmitting a bitstream of compressed graphics data by using the URL, wherein the bitstream is obtained by compressing the original data using the compression parameters;

Regarding claim 34, cited prior art does not teach a method of generating an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema for use in meta representation of graphics data compression comprising: defining a compression node which includes information regarding object data to be compressed; defining an encoding parameter

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required for data compression; defining BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; and storing the compression node, the encoding parameter, and the BitWrapperEncodingHints as the XMT schema;

Regarding claims 35-39, cited prior art does not teach a system of generating an input file using meta representation of graphics data compression comprising: a processing unit which provides an extensible MPEG-4 textual format (XMT) schema for defining a compression node describing object data to be compressed, parameters for data compression, and BitWrapperEncodingHints which at least specifies a location of a file in which the object data to be compressed is stored; and an XMT parser which generates a file to be input to a data compression encoder by parsing an input XMT file using information including the XMT schema.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberta Prendergast whose telephone number is (571) 272-7647. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on (571) 272-7782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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